ISO 639-3 Registration Authority
Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639-3

This form is to be used in conjunction with a “Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code” form

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION
   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
      Mavilan Tulu
   
   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:

   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Markodi

   d) Reason for preferred name:
      Markodi is considered as an offensive name by the community people due to the social reason. They prefer to identify themselves as Mavilan Tulu people.

   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
      According to the 2011 census of Kerala, the community population is 34,543.

   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available:
   Your suggestion will be taken into account, but the Registration Authority will determine the identifier to be proposed. The identifiers are not intended to be an abbreviation for a name of the language, but to serve as a device to identify a given language uniquely. With thousands of languages, many sets of which have similar names, it is not possible to provide identifiers that resemble a language name in every case.

2. TEMPORAL DESCRIPTION and LOCATION
   a) Is this a [ ] Living language
      [ ] Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival)
      [ ] Recently extinct language
      [ ] Historical language
      [ ] Ancient language

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(Select one. See explanations of these types at http://www.sil.org/iso639%2D3/types.asp)

For individual languages, also complete:

b) Countries where used:
   India

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
   Kerala [Kasargod district: Vellarikundu taluk - Kodom-Belur, East Eleri, Panathur, Panathadi, Kallar, Kinanur-Karinthalam, Ajanur and West-Eleri and Balal panchayats; Kannur district: Thaliparamba Taluk - Thirumeni and Payyavur Panchayats]

d) For an ancient or historical language, give approximate time frame; for a recently extinct language, give the approximate date of the last known user’s death

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION
   a) This language is: □ Signed       ☒ Spoken       □ Attested only in writings

   b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:

c) Closest language linguistically. For a Macrolanguage, list the individual languages (adopted and/or proposed) to be included in its group. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
   The lexical similarity percentage between other languages spoken in the areas and among the Mavilan Tulu are, within Mavilan Tulu varieties 70 to 70%; Mavilan Tulu with Malayalam 40 to 47%, Mavilan Tulu with Tulu 33 to 37%, Mavilan Tulu with Kodava 25 to 44%.

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE
   a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
      It is not a written language, no newspapers, radio or television broadcasts are available in this language.

   b) Is this language officially recognized by any level of government? Is it used in any levels of formal education as a language of instruction (for other subjects)? Is it taught in schools?:
      The community is officially recognized as Scheduled Tribe by the Government of Kerala, and also recognized that they speak a different language as their mother tongue. This language is not used in any level of formal education and not taught in the schools.
c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
Language use, attitude and vitality questionnaire shows that their language is very vital and high use in major domains such as home and village and all other domains in the village. Only when they go outside or talking to outsiders they speak state language Malayalam.

d) Bilingualism study shows that school going children are very much fluent in state language Malayalam since they have more opportunity and contact with Malayalam speakers. Nowadays bilingualism is increasing but people still use their mother tongue in all major domains.
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

You do not need to repeat sources previously identified in the form, “Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code”

a) First-hand knowledge. Describe:

b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:
   Personal interview with the mother tongue speakers.

c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):


Please return this form to:

ISO 639-3 Registrar
SIL International, Office of Language Information Systems
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Email: iso639-3@sil.org
An email attachment of this completed form is preferred.

Further information:

If your request for a new language code element is supported by the Registration Authority as a formal proposal, you may be contacted separately by researchers working with the Ethnologue or with LinguistList asking you to provide additional information.

Sources of documentation for ISO 639-3 identifiers: